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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Thomas a. Vendola :

APPLICATION NO.: 10/057,171

FILING DATE: January 25, 2002

TITLE: Pharmaceutical Dosage Forms With
Enhanced Cohesive and Compressibility Properties

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Sir:

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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 18, 2002 in the above-identified application, the term for response having been extended three (3) months by including the appropriate fee and petition herewith.

In response to the Office Action, please make the following changes in the application.

In the claims:

1. (Once Amended) A method for preparing a pharmaceutical dosage form comprising:

forming first granules comprising a solid pharmaceutically acceptable volatilizable agent and a pharmaceutically active ingredient by a granulation method selected from a wet granulation method and a dry granulation method;

volatizing the solid volatilizable agent from the first granules to form a second granule; followed by

compressing the second granules to form a pharmaceutical dosage form.

33. (Once Amended) Pharmaceutical granules prepared by a method comprising: